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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED LIMA MEETING AND DISCUSSED OUTLOOK FOR SEPT SESSION IN WASHINGTON WITH DEPUTY ASST SECY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGS SANTAMARIA, WHO DESCRIBED GOC POSITION AS VERY CLOSE TO THAT OF THE U S. HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO AVOID A POLARIZATION OF THE ORG WHICH, HE SAID, COULD HAMPER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U S AND THE NATIONS OF LA. HE AGREED EMPHATICALLY THAT, WHILE RECOGNIZING OUR DIFFERENCE, IT WAS NECESSARY AT THE SAME TIME TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THE U S AND LA.

2. SANTAMARIA STATED THAT THE GOC WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE OAS DEVELOP A STRONGER EXECUTIVE CAPACITY THAN THE PRESENT STRUCTURE AFFORDS. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER THE COLOMBIAN PREFERENCE FOR ADAPTING

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RATHER THAN DRASTICALLY OVERHAULING THE ORG. HE SAID THAT WHILE

SOME REFORM WAS DESIRABLE COLOMBIA DID NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER
SO URGENT AS TO MERIT FAR-REACHING CHANGES.

3. IN LOOKING AHEAD TO THE WASHINGTON MEETING, SANTAMARIA SAID
THAT HE EXPECTED A CALMER SESSION, WITH GREATER ATTENTION
PAID TO SPECIFIC ISSUES THAN WAS THE CASE IN LIMA. WHITE

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